City Times NEWSLETTER

HAPPY OCTOBER, TEAM!

Did you know October is Health Literacy Month? This is a time for organizations and individuals to promote the importance of understandable health information. Our dedicated HR Team can be reached at 580.581.3392 to further explore YOUR health benefits through the City of Lawton, or assist you with health insurance questions or concerns.

From the desk of the City Manager:



City of Lawton Staff,

As my intent to retire was submitted on Sept. 17, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you each for your continued service and dedication to our community.

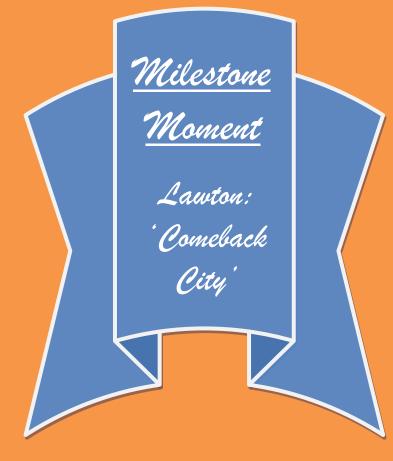
It has been a privilege to work alongside you the past 34 years and witness the City reach new heights because of your incredible commitment and leadership. The work of public service is as challenging as it is honorable and you should be proud, each day, of the work you produce for a great many.

Moving forward, I know I will look upon my time at the City of Lawton with fondness and I will definitely keep each of you close to heart. Thank you for your support and encouragement throughout the years, and thank you for enriching our community through your service.

A true fan,

Jerry Ihler







Lawton was ranked in a recent report compiling the top 100

American cities that have made major strides in reducing crime to create safer communities! Lawton came in at no. 76, showing an overall decrease of -27.10 percent in criminal activity from 2006 to 2016.

The report was entitled, "Comeback Cities: Declining Crime Across the U.S." and was published in early September 2018.



CAMPAIGN SEASON

United Way of Southwest Oklahoma

Last year, your generosity touched the lives of hundreds of Southwest Oklahomans as the City of Lawton raised more than \$32,000 for the United Way of Southwest Oklahoma.

The success of this longtime partnership benefits 18 nonprofits – in the human services areas of *Health*, Income Stability, Education & Basic Needs.

Upcoming City fundraisers for **UWSWOK** include:

- PICNIC IN THE PARK on Oct. 3, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Elmer Thomas Park
- PD vs FD BENEFIT **BASKETBALL** on Oct. 7, 2 p.m. at MHS Gymnasium
- **SLIDER LUNCH** on Oct. 15, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at **Lawton City Hall**

United Way speakers have visited City Hall, Engineering and Water/Wastewater Divisions this season. To schedule a speaker, please contact Tiffany at ext. 301.



October Employee Birthdays:

Russell Boone Joseph Peterson Stephanie Wilson Sir Allen Richard Cruz Sheri Bennett Thierry Schroeder Franklin Davis Britt Hubbard Melodie Mort John Elwell Jimmie Hicks Kristy Dement Michael Lyle Glaze Vernal Hairston Ralph Maassen Gerald Nooner James Schneider Jason Davis Jimmy Powers Adam Rowland Ticey Moreland Christopher Paslay Rex Scrudder Alan Sweetin Sean Fortenbaugh Chaz Jackson Cameron Green Luis Merrero

Nestor Enriquez Kathleen Klingensmith Dylan Parrish Karl Veldhuizen Timothy Jenkins Dennis Sloniker Justin Thorne Trey Walker Chadd Mendiola Grant Johnson Mark Murphy Margaret Tiddark Christopher Stearns Dennis Stevens William Torres Michael Spencer II James Carroll Charles Passah Jr. Tiffani Burk Christopher Devine Matt Whittington Chance Mullins Robert Crews IV Dane Swinford Gabriel Goodson Thomas Honevcutt Alexandrea Anderson Joneil Tahmahkera Travis Lee Tatjana Wenderoth

Heather Skiles Essence Perry Bryan Wilhelms Justin Carmon Dustin Kellogg Ricky Ward Patrick Kilgore Lauren Neitzke Timothy Pease Marcie Sego Cory Shaw **Bussey Garland** Kaitlin Nunley Cody Hansen James Smith Linda Lake Mark Mitchell Steven Schulte Ronald Dimmitt Jason Mansel Cory Shaw Saadia Tasso **Dusty Wilkey**

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE!

October Employment Anniversaries

FIVE YEARS

Ronald Payette, Inspection Services Joseph Dagostino, SSC

20+ YEARS

Jeanie Wheeler, Parks & Rec Christopher Hall, LPD Lindsay Tate, LPD Bunky Norwood, WWTP James Sanders, LFD Azim Mohammad, Engineering





FORGOT ALL THE GOOD STUFF?

Web admins/editors needing a refresher in lawtonok.gov pages and tools should contact Gregg Stallings at gstallings@lawtonok.gov or ext. 338.



HALLOWEEN BASH 2018

As celebrated in previous years, City Hall will be open to community youth from 2-4 p.m. on Oct. 31 for the Halloween Bash! All departments and divisions are welcome to set up a booth and distribute candy for the event!

PLEASE SIGN UP BY OCT. 24 HERE:
P Drive> Halloween 2018> Halloween Bash SignUp

This year's contest categories include:

• BEST PUMPKIN, BEST BOOTH/GROUP, SCARIEST COSTUME, FUNNIEST COSTUME, BEST OVERALL COSTUME

Call Travis at ext. 375 or Tiffany at ext. 301 with questions.

CITY BUCKS!

City Bucks are now available in the Human Resources Office!

City Bucks may be used for activities such as overnight camping, boating permits, fishing permits, hunting permits, sports & aquatics fees or sports league fees. Call 580.581.3392 with questions.

<u>open streets rescheduled</u> <u>to October 20th, 2018</u>

The high risk of heavy rains and thunderstorms led to the rescheduling of the Fall Open Streets event, which is co-sponsored by the City of Lawton twice a year.

This free, health-based initiative turns City streets into a temporary public park and encourages healthy lifestyles while promoting our downtown area.

Join us from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 20 on Downtown C Avenue! Special thanks to Public Works, Parks & Rec, Planning and all of the City departments that come together to make this event happen. Learn more <u>HERE</u>.



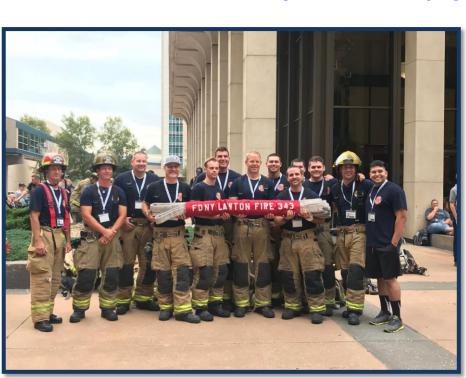
The Lawton Police Department coordinated and participated in the Annual Cops 'N Kids Picnic on Sept. 15, which included police demos, giveaways and performances.



Friends of the Library participated in this year's Texoma Gives Drive, raising more than \$1 million for 189 area nonprofits on Sept. 13.



SEPTEMBER 2018



The Lawton Fire Department participated in the statewide 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb on Sept. 15 in Oklahoma City to honor and pay tribute to firefighters who died saving lives in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Fifteen firefighters climbed 110 flights, with each carrying an ID badge representing one of the 343 fallen NYFD firefighters.